

April 4, 2008

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Attn: Security Group, Licensing & Review  
501 Dulany Street, Room 4B31  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Sir:

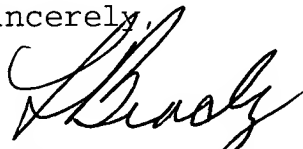
This is to notify you, on behalf of the agency who caused the Secrecy Order to be issued on the below-identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld.

Serial No.: **09/874,465**  
Filed: 6/4/2001 0:00:00  
Inventor: JAMES C. BUTTS  
Title: TORPEDO-MOUNTED DISPENSER INCORPORATING A  
SHOCK MOUNT BUMPER  
Prosecuted by: (X) Govt ( ) Contractor ( ) Unknown  
(Navy Case 78757)  
Sponsor: NUWC

The Current Secrecy Order expiration date is 5/7/2008 0:00:00.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Secrecy Order be renewed.

Sincerely,



LAWANA R. BRADY  
By direction of  
Chief of Naval Research